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For: METHOD FOR STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS USING NON-NATURAL AMINO ACIDS

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September 20, 2000

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO**  
**OFFICE COMMUNICATION,**  
**DATED AUGUST 23, 2001**

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Communication from the Examiner, dated August 23, 2001 issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Communication is due September 23, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.